Starting of Paper Factory in Kollegal Taluk.

*Q.—282. Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA (Palaiyam).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the extent of Bamboo plantation in the forest of Kollegal Taluk is about 25,000 acres ;

(*b*) whether they intend to start a paper factory there on a small scale ;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to start a clip board factory in Kollegal Taluk ;

(*d*) if so, the steps they propose to take in this regard ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Does not arise.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the area covered by bamboo plantation is more than 60,000 arces ?

† Sri B. D. JATTI.—If it is only a question of Kollegal taluk the area given in the answer is correct, but if it is a question of the entire State, the area is more. I have not got the exact figure before me.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—The Hon'ble Minister for Forests was pleased to give a reply the other day that the area under bamboo plantation is 59,000 acres.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I will verify.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the District Officer has sent a proposal for starting a clip-board factory ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is a proposal.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the Hon'ble Minister for Forests himself expressed that the question of starting a small paper factory may be considered ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There are proposals from 5 parties :

(1) P. Sundaramurthy, Bangalore.
(2) Abdullabhai Fidalli & Co., Bombay
(3) Jolly Bros. (Private) Ltd., Bombay
(4) Rhotas Industries Ltd., Calcutta
(5) National Rayon Corporation, Bombay.

These are the proposals for starting a paper mill or a rayon pulp mill. These applications are being considered by Government.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is any of these parties prepared to make a survey and find out the feasibility of the proposal ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—A survey has been made recently and we have got a report. That will be scrutinised and a final decision will be taken.

Disposal of Pending Loan Applications in Kolar District.

*Q.– 201. Sri E. NARAYANA GOWDA (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of loan applications pending disposal in every taluk office of Kolar District in respect of land improvement and sinking irrigation wells for the last three years ;

(*b*) the reasons for the delay in the disposal of these applications ;

(*c*) the steps taken by them for quick disposal of these pending applications ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) *Vide* statement given below.

(*b*) The following are the reasons that have contributed to the delay in the disposal of these applications :—

1. Want of complete particulars in the loan applications.
2. Time taken to secure the presence of applicants for further particulars required for finalising the loan cases.
3. Time required for investigation.

(*c*) Instructions have been issued to the Revenue Officers to dispose of these applications early.